IN THE CLAIMS:

The following is a complete listing of claims and replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the present application: Kindly amend claims 1, 3 and 6-8.

1. (Currently Amended) An intravaginal drug delivery device for administration into a vaginal environment, the device comprising at least one reservoir, the at least one reservoir containing at least one pharmacologically active agent or a prodrug thereof, dispersed in a hydrophobic elastomeric polymer; and a sheath discontinuously surrounding the at least one reservoir so as to define ~~at least~~ one or more ~~hole or opening~~ holes or openings, ~~the at least one~~ each hole or opening extending through the sheath to the at least one reservoir, so that, in use, at least part of the at least one reservoir is directly exposed to the vaginal environment, wherein each hole or opening is substantially cylindrical with a diameter in the range of about 0.5 to 6.5 mm and the total surface area of the reservoir exposed to the vaginal environment through the one or more holes or openings, when in use, is in a range of 1 to 750mm^2.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Currently Amended) An intravaginal drug delivery device according to Claim 1, in which [[the]] at least one hole or opening ~~extends to the surface of the at least one reservoir and/or~~ extends partially into the at least one reservoir.

4. and 5. (Cancelled)

6. (Currently Amended) An intravaginal drug delivery device according to Claim 1, in which [[the]] at least one hole or opening extends through the sheath substantially normal to the reservoir surface.

7. (Currently Amended) An intravaginal drug delivery device according to Claim 1, in which the device is a ring that is substantially circular in transverse cross-section, and [[the]] at least one hole or opening extends substantially radially through the sheath at the inner circumference of the ring or at outer circumference of the ring.

8. (Currently Amended) An intravaginal drug delivery device according to Claim 7, in which there are one to thirty of said holes or openings along the inner or outer circumference of the intravaginal drug delivery device.

9. (Previously Presented) An intravaginal drug delivery device according to Claim 1, in which the device is a substantially cylindrical rod device, and said at least one hole or opening is provided at each terminal end of the rod.

10. (Original) An intravaginal drug delivery device according to Claim 9, in which the rod device defines a right circular cylinder and each base of the rod is partly or fully exposed, to define said holes.

11. (Previously Presented) An intravaginal drug delivery device according to Claim 9, in which further holes or openings are provided extending substantially radially through the sheath.

12. (Previously Presented) An intravaginal drug delivery device according to Claim 11, in which there are one to thirty of said further holes or openings, along the circumference of the rod.

13. (Previously Presented) An intravaginal drug delivery device according to Claim 1, in which the device is a partial or complete toroid shape.

14. (Previously Presented) An intravaginal drug delivery device according to Claim 1, in which the reservoir additionally comprises at least one pore-forming excipient.

15. (Previously Presented) An intravaginal drug delivery device according to Claim 14, in which the pore-forming excipient comprises a water-soluble or water-swellable polysaccharide, a monosaccharide or a disaccharide, water-soluble salt, a protein, a nonionic surface active agent, a bile salt, an organic solvent, or a fatty acid ester.

16. (Previously Presented) An intravaginal drug delivery device according to Claim 1, in which the sheath comprises at least one additional pharmacologically active agent.

17. (Previously Presented) A method of manufacturing an intravaginal drug delivery device according to Claim 1, said method comprising the steps of forming a reservoir by dispersing at least one pharmacologically active agent in a pharmaceutically acceptable hydrophobic elastomeric polymer; curing the reservoir; and applying a sheath to partly surround the reservoir.

18. (Previously Presented) A method of manufacturing an intravaginal drug delivery device according to Claim 1, said method comprising injecting or extruding a reservoir material into a hollow sheath.